## Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of	)	FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b),	)	MM Docket No. 98-112
Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations	)	RM-9027
(Anniston and Ashland, AL, College Park,	)	RM-9268
Covington, and Milledgeville, Georgia)	)	

To: Chief, Allocations Branch

## MOTION FOR LEAVE TO CORRECT CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE TO REPLY COMMENTS

Preston W. Small (Small), by his attorney, hereby requests that leave be granted to correct Mr. Small's September 15, 1998 Certificate of Service filed with Mr. Small's September 15, 1998 Reply Comments. In support whereof, the following is respectfully submitted:

- 1) Today undersigned counsel received a return from the Post Office of the September 15, 1998 Reply Comments he had filed for Mr. Small which were intended to be delivered to counsel for petitioner, WNNX License Investment Co. (WNNX). As explained in the attached letter which was hand served upon WNNX's counsel today, we are unaware of why it took the Post Office so long to return a piece of misaddressed mail.
- 2) It is noted that Mr. Small's August 31, 1998 <u>Comments</u> gave the same, albeit incorrect, address for WNNX's counsel and that WNNX's September 15, 1998 reply comments responded to

No. of Copies rec'd Oby List ABCOE Mr. Small's similarly misaddressed mailing.<sup>1</sup> Because Mr. Small's <u>Reply Comments</u> were properly filed with the Commission and because the <u>Reply Comments</u> are the last pleading in the pleading cycle announced in the underlying <u>NPRM</u>, no party will be prejudiced by the correction of the

certificate of service and the completion of the service of the Reply Comments upon WNNX.

3) The Commission recognizes that service errors will occur and that as long as "there was a good faith effort to comply with the Commission's [service] Rules," Central Illinois Broadcasting Company, 10 FCC Rcd. 1617 ¶ 4 (Comm'n 1995), any such errors are not disqualifying. Instantly, Mr. Small's good faith is evidenced by a) timely filing his Reply Comments with the Commission, inclusion of a dated certificate of service in the Reply Comments as required by the rules, c) reliance, albeit apparently misplaced, upon a previously used address, d) timely attempted service upon WNNX's counsel as evidenced by the certificate of service and by the copy of the mailing envelope attached hereto, and e) prompt completion of service, by hand, upon discovery of the addressing error. We regret the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

WHEREFORE, in view of the information presented herein, it is respectfully submitted that acceptance of the instant corrective filing will serve the public interest.

Respectfully submitted, PRESTON W. SMALL

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Timothy E/Welch

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October 20, 1998

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Undersigned counsel was not advised that the service list in Mr. Small's August 31, 1998 Comments contained an address error for WNNX's counsel.

October 20, 1998

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**BY HAND** 

Re: Reply Comments

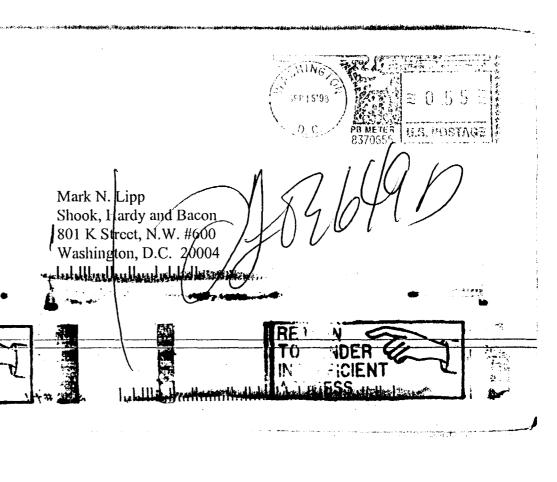
Dear Mark:

Enclosed please find my unopened September 15, 1998 reply comment mailing to you. Unfortunately, I inadvertently placed the wrong address on the envelope. While I assume you obtained a copy from the FCC's files, I wanted to complete service of the document. We only received the letter back from the Post Office today, who knows what the Post Office has been doing with it all this time. I am filing a corrected certificate of service with the FCC today. I apologize for any inconvenience this might have occasioned.

Sincerely,

Timothy E. Welch

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 20 day of October 1998 served a copy of the foregoing MOTION FOR LEAVE TO CORRECT CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE TO REPLY COMMENTS United States mail, postage prepaid, upon the following:

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